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INCIDENT: Caught in the act by the Coppers!

DATE: September 12, 2012

LOCATION: Georgia Power, 1769 Sands Place

SUSPECT: John F. Riley, 24 yoa, of Marietta;

Stanley W. Ledford, 50 yoa, of Marietta

CHARGES: 4 counts of Burglary (F) each

The Marietta Police Department Detectives Division has concluded a two month copper theft investigation at a series of locations due to solid police work and a collaborative effort between agencies. Marietta Police Detectives have been utilizing high tech, covert surveillance cameras in conjunction with other electronic monitoring devices at several locations in an effort to combat this epidemic.

On September 11, 2012, at approximately 4:45am, two suspects were arrested as they were caught red handed and in the act of stealing copper at the Georgia Power Facility located 1769 Sands Place. Proactive patrolling by uniform officers and the use of police surveillance equipment alerted officers to the crime in progress.

Evidence recovered at the scene linked the two suspects, John Riley and Stanley Ledford, to seven burglaries at five other locations. Both suspects were each charged with four counts of burglary for burglaries related to three Marietta locations. Additional charges are pending against these suspects pending the conclusion of the ongoing investigation.

The Marietta Police Department would like to thank the Smyrna Police Department, Georgia Power and the Marietta Board of Lights and Water (BLW) for their collaborative effort in capturing these suspects.

Anyone who has additional information in regards to this case is asked to contact Detective Henson at 770-794-5345.

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